

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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2013 Bullitschek Family Reunion Cedar Rapids, Iowa June 20, 21, 22

Highlights of the 2012 Bullitschek Family Reunion

The annual reunion of the Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek descendants was held June 21-23, 2012 at the Warwick Inn in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Family members were welcomed Thursday afternoon by the coordinators, Jack and Ginny Lykins. Each family received a packet containing the reunion schedule, information on Lititz, a listing of local restaurants, suggested activities and a map. The afternoon was spent visiting. Everyone enjoyed viewing a poster assembled by Jack Lykins which showed the children of Joseph Ferdinand and the direct-line descendents of those present at the reunion. Time was also spent identifying people in pictures of previous reunions.

The group went to the Lititz Family Cupboard Restaurant for dinner. After the meal, Dale Shelley of the Lititz Moravian Church gave an overview of the history of the area and church from before Lititz was established until present day. He told us many details about the town during the time Joseph Bullitschek lived there. Lititz was established in 1757 and was a closed community for almost 100 years. This meant that no one could live in Lititz unless they were a member of the Moravian Church and that the residents could not buy anything out of town if it was available in Lititz. Joseph Bullitschek lived in Lititz for 7 years. During that time he married Charlotte Haller/Holler, and they had 4 children. In 1771 the family left Lititz to go to North Carolina. It is said that Joseph thought there were too many rules and regulations in Lititz.

On Friday morning, the group met at the Lititz Historical Foundation Museum. The museum contained displays of beautiful stitchery, furniture and memorabilia of family life of the late 1700's. After visiting the museum and gift shop, we went to the Johannes Mueller house next door. Here costumed docents led us through the 1792 home. The house has been restored with traditional household items from the late 1700s and 1800s. The docents gave an informative, at times humorous, view of everyday life in the early days of Lititz.

We were on our own for lunch. Some took the time to have a quick walking tour of Main Street guided by a pamphlet published by the Lititz Historical Foundation which had photographs of the houses as they looked in the mid to late 1700s and as they look today.

Friday afternoon the group gathered on the Moravian Church Square which consists of several buildings in addition to the Church. We heard an interesting account of the history of the Church, which was consecrated on August 13, 1787, and also learned some about the present world-wide Moravian Church. A costumed guide gave a tour of the church. Some of the group also visited God's Acre, the Moravian Cemetery located behind the church, where Jack Lykins showed us the grave marker of Abraham Haller, brother of Charlotte Haller. Later some of us drove past the Klein (Haller) Barn, built by Charlotte Haller's father. It is now a renovated apartment complex.

Saturday morning the business meeting was held in a room at the Lititz Historical Museum. This was followed by the auction which raised \$282.50 for the cemetery fund. After the auction, everyone assembled outdoors for the annual group picture. Several of us then gathered in a dining room at the General Sutter Hotel for lunch.

Some of the attendees left for home on Saturday. For the rest of the family members, Saturday afternoon was free time to further explore Lititz, to go to Hershey, to the Lancaster area or to rest.

Sunday morning many of us attended the Moravian Church. During the service, Dale Shelley, who had been a speaker and guide during some of the weekend activities, gave a wonderful announcement about our reunion and introduced us to the congregation. The service was made special by music by a Steel Drum Band from the Moravian Grace Church in Queens, New York.

Following the church service, we left Lititz planning to meet again in Cedar Rapids, Iowa next year.

**Minutes of Business Meeting of Bullitschek Family Association
June 23, 2012 - Lititz, PA**

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Janice Estell at 9:15 am. She opened with a reminder that we should follow the admonition in Psalm 100 to praise God and to remember that we should rejoice and be glad in each day. The minutes were read and approved as corrected. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

It was noted that attendance at the reunion is less each year. It was discussed whether to continue to have an annual reunion, have a reunion every two years or discontinue the reunions. Bob Jones moved that we continue to hold the reunion annually. Marilyn Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was also discussion on whether to continue the reunions on the same day of the week or to move them to weekdays only. Barbara Frazier moved to retain the reunions

Thursday through Saturday with the option of staying and attending church together on Sunday mornings. Jim Bolerjack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Many commented on the well-planned activities for the reunion. Thanks were given to Jack and Ginny Lykins for their work in planning the reunion. It was voted to give them \$100 as a token of our appreciation for their fine job.

The officers suggested next year's reunion be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As many recalled, the 2008 reunion was to be there but had to be cancelled due to massive flooding in that area. Some sites of interest in the area are the German and Czech museums and historical farms and the Amana Colonies. Phyllis Bagby moved the next reunion be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marilyn Blackburn volunteered to coordinate the reunion with the help of some others.

The following slate of officers was proposed for the coming year:

President -	Janice Estell
Vice-President -	Bob Jones
Secretary -	Virginia Bryant
Treasurer -	Mary Anne Templeton
Newsletter Editor -	Gerald and Susan Bolerjack
Historian -	Marilyn Blackburn
Archivist -	Richard Soash

There were no nominations from the floor. Phyllis Bagby moved that the slate of officers be accepted. Jim Bolerjack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Soash contacted Janice Estell by email to say that he was now digitalizing original documents such as birth records, marriage records, etc. There are expenses involved in obtaining the documents, and he requested funds to do this. Marilyn Blackburn moved that funds up to \$500 be made available to Richard with receipts being sent to the treasurer. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marilyn Blackburn reported that a possible informal mid-winter (February) get-together in Florida was being planned for those who would like to attend. It would probably be a lunch-time visit. More information will be in the newsletter.

In appreciation of the wonderful tours given by the Lititz Historical Foundation and the Lititz Moravian Church, it was decided to donate \$50.00 to each.

Those who have died this past year were remembered at the reunion

- Ken Baker - son of Juanita Baker
- Phyllis Hart Cox - cousin of Bob Jones and Virginia Logan
- Jean Amie Baugh – cousin of Bob Jones and Virginia Logan. Jean was a missionary to East Pakistan and East Africa.
- Vivian Eula Richardson – mother of Sandra Richardson Keyes

The meeting was closed by the reading of a letter from Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek.
(Thanks to Arlene Bolerjack.)

The meeting was closed by the singing of Faith of Our Mothers and Faith of Our Fathers.

List of Attendees - 2012 Bullitschek Reunion

- Phyllis Bagby - Illinois**
- Juanita Baker – Indiana**
- Roger and Marilyn Blackburn – New Jersey (Missouri after Sept 1st)**
- James and Rose Mary Bolerjack – Illinois**
- Janice Estell – Oklahoma**
- Barbara and Anya Frazier – New York**
- Bob and Judy Jenkins – Illinois**
- Bob and Maxine Jones – Kentucky**
- Virginia and Joe Logan – Kentucky**
- Jack and Ginny Lykins – Pennsylvania**
- Mary Anne Templeton – Virginia**

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Templeton, Secretary

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Hi Gerald and Susan,
I volunteered for a couple of things. First, I proposed a get together lunch in FL for any one spending the winter or vacationing in Feb. I would like to suggest Tues., Feb. 12th at 12:30 at the Chicanes Restaurant located in Inn on the Lakes in Sebring. There are about 3 couples whom I talked to at the reunion and unfortunately they live on both coasts. We live in the middle of the state near Sebring. I don't know if this will be feasible for a one day travel for lunch. We also thought there might be family members who never get to a reunion but might be able to make it to the FL location.

I also volunteered to coordinate the next reunion in Cedar Rapids/Amana Colonies, IA. I have not made any contacts in that area but have checked information on the internet. The museum that was virtually destroyed in the flood has recently been opened. It sounds wonderful. I had also hoped to spend Fri. of the reunion. at the Amana Colonies. I haven't been there in several years and I don't really know if the quality of the sights is up to a good standard.

We are in the middle of a move to the Midwest--St. Peters, MO. We have had our house on the market for 3 weeks but no bids yet. There have been about 12 showings. Everyone is still in summer mode here. The kids don't go back to school until after Labor Day. Hopefully we'll be fully moved out by the end of Oct.
Your Bullitschek cousin, Marilyn

Deaths

Wilma G. Shepherd, 89, of Norris City went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 3:30 a.m., Monday, August 6, 2012 at VNA Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville, Ind. Wilma was born July 18, 1923 in Norris City, the daughter of Harry and Clarissa (Henson) Bolerjack. She married George Warner Shepherd on May 14, 1943 and he preceded her in death on June 8, 1996.

Wilma is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Virginia "Ginny" Bryant of Norris City and Nancy and Keith Heron of Bushnell, IL; a step-daughter, Annetta Coleman of Petersburg, IN; a step-son and daughter-in-law, George Robert and Gail Shepherd of Petersburg, IN; a sister, Margie Jamerson of Joliet, IL; four grandchildren, Shari Bryant and Kari and Kevin Kirsch all of Evansville, IN, Randall and Christina Heron of Brownsburg, IN and Rhonda and Ken Van Tine of Bushnell, IL; three step-grandchildren, Becky and Tim Blaize, Steven and Keila Shepherd and Chris Coleman all of Petersburg, IN and several great-grandchildren.

In a message dated 8/17/2012 maryan21@comcast.net writes: Areline fell this week and broke her ankle. She was in the hospital, but is returning to the Hillcrest Manor Nursing Center. I'm sure some would like to send cards to her:

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Hillcrest Manor Nursing Center,
1210 S. 6th, Blackwell, OK 74631.

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